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FROM : NIO for Narcotics

SUBJECT: Narcotics Warning Assessment

Attached is the assessment prepared on the basis of the Community views expressed at the 16 December warning meeting.

You or your representative are invited to attend the next warning meeting scheduled for 1400 hours, Thursday, 20 January, in Room 7 E 62, CIA Headquarters. Please provide your representative's name and clearance [] by COB 19 January.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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The following items were discussed at the 16 December warning meeting.

I. Warning -- Jon Wiant of State called attention to the growing number of reports of Indochinese refugees involved in Thai heroin trafficking in France, Australia, San Francisco, and various countries in SEAsia. The representative from INS noted that if such a trend exists, such information must be conveyed to the appropriate US agency.

II. Regional Developments

A. [] (CIA) discussed the connections between narcotics trafficking and terrorist groups in Colombia and Peru. He noted an increase in the number and apparent reliability of reports that parts of both FARC and M-19 are involved in trading drugs for money and/or arms. Thus far, the activity seems to be ad hoc and fairly low level and probably not a policy of the leaders of the groups. He also noted that in southern Colombia, the FARC may be getting into the business of producing drugs itself, not just dealing for protection. In Peru, the "Shining Path" is reportedly also involved in trafficking as are a number of fringe and criminal elements.

B. Jon Wiant (State) reported on his working group's efforts to design collection guidance for the field reporters on financial flows. The last step has been a survey of collection methodologies in use; the next will be a review of how the information is used. The NIO set a February 1983 deadline for this group.

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C. NIO/Narcotics reported on his visit to the El Paso Intelligence Center run by DEA. He found it an impressive operation and noted that the foreign intelligence community is beginning to tap EPIC's computer bank.

III. Plans for Interagency Work: The group discussed the possibility of producing a worldwide heroin paper. [redacted] (CIA) explained 25X1 current problems with [redacted] methodology, especially the scarcity of 25X1 trained personnel. The group decided to consider this again at the next warning meeting.

IV. Policy Issues: None were raised.

V. Collection Implications: [redacted] (ICS) discussed his findings 25X1 on his recent round-the-world trip. He was struck by the severe resource problem almost everywhere; so few officers are assigned to the narcotics account, and so few of them can work full time on it. He was also concerned about the widespread lack of guidance on narcotics and by the lack of coordination among the various agencies working on it in the field. He was struck by the degree to which CIA supports the DEA effort. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Conversely, 25X1 Mr. White noted that in some cases DEA personnel do not get finished intelligence on narcotics or on the host country. There also seems to be a serious problem in disseminating standard product from the field. In Germany, for example, he found that the military intelligence product is sent to the Pentagon but not elsewhere in the Community. CIA/OGI [redacted] will look into this problem and 25X1 report findings at the next meeting.

NIO/Narcotics asked the State representative to look into sending another reminder to all missions to stress coordination and mutual help on narcotics intelligence.


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